

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please update the claims in accordance with the claim listing found below.

CLAIMS:

We claim:

1-48. (Canceled)

49. (Currently amended) An antisense oligonucleotide made up of up to 50 nucleotide units complementary to nucleotides of a corresponding portion of the sequence SEQ ID No. 21 and which inhibits the expression of OB-RGRP, said antisense oligonucleotide comprising AS-14 (SEQ ID No. 2).

50. (Previously presented) A vector incorporating the antisense oligonucleotide as claimed in claim 49.

51. (Previously presented) A cell containing the vector as claimed in claim 50.

52. (Previously presented) A composition containing the antisense oligonucleotide, as claimed in claim 49 and acceptable excipients.

53. (Previously presented) A composition containing a vector as claimed in claim 50 and acceptable excipients.

54. (Previously presented) A composition containing a cell as claimed in claim 51 and acceptable excipients.

55. (New) The antisense nucleotide of claim 49 made up of up to 30 nucleotide units

56. (New) A vector incorporating the antisense oligonucleotide as claimed in claim 55.

57. (New) A cell containing the vector as claimed in claim 56.

58. (New) A composition containing the antisense oligonucleotide, as claimed in claim 55 and acceptable excipients.

59. (New) A composition containing a vector as claimed in claim 56 and acceptable excipients.

60. (New) A composition containing a cell as claimed in claim 57 and acceptable excipients.